Jeremy Lives On!

By Dan and Abi and Home, India

About a month after Jeremy performed for a full house here in Delhi, a friend of ours invited us to attend a concert by a leading singer and performer from Europe that was held in the same auditorium where Jeremy had performed. At the half way break, three people sitting behind us started talking and comparing this concert to Jeremy's concert which they had also attended. This is how the conversation went:

“This is nothing compared to the concert by Jeremy Spencer! Did you see him on stage? He was fantastic! I certainly hope he comes back again! He gave a great show and he talked with the audience too! I’d go to see Jeremy Spencer any day over this guy!”

We all sat smiling and listened until they finished and then told them we’d seen his concert too and they continued on raving about Jeremy.

Our singing team has appeared on nationwide television quite a few times in the last two weeks. They appeared once on Witi Thai, featuring Christy this time. She performed three different Thai lukthoong songs, and was accompanied by the dancers. Both Jonas and Christy and the singing team performed on Channel 9 and Channel 11 nationwide, as well as internationally the following day at a lukthoong festival. Lastly for Thai New Year they performed at Sanam Luang which was also shown live on nationwide cable TV.

A big lukthoong festival was organized here recently at Sanam Luang, a large central park here in Bangkok. This particular festival turned out to be an even bigger affair than we had anticipated, as it featured the top 100 lukthoong artists in the country, both past and present. The “live crowd” numbered somewhere between 50-100,000 people. It was broadcast live and will be re-broadcast within the next few days.
DFO pubs on midlife and menopause!

The Lord gave us beautiful and helpful counsel about midlife and menopause in a series of GNs and FSMs a while back. Some of you wrote that you felt these promises as well as the secular information would be a great help to friends, relatives or outside members. Thus the Lord led us to condense this material into a DFO GN of prophecy, “Midlife Victories,” and a DFO CLTP mag with the factual information and Family comments, “A Positive Change.” One copy of each is being sent to every Home, and you may photocopy them or order more from your NPC as needed.

Help Needed With Printing Books

BY SPALIM

Hello, everyone! Over the last months, the Lord has done miracles for us and has enabled us to get several books in Spanish finalized and ready for printing. These include several CM/FM books, as well as some DFO books for friends and supporters as well as the Family. Now we have the files for these books ready, but no money to print them. So we are sending out a plea because we believe that the Spanish-speaking Family and sheep would really benefit from these books. We need your help!

How can you be a part?

- Do you know of anyone who could donate paper for the printing, or do you have a burden to provision it?
- Do you know of a printer who could print for free, or at least for a pretty cheap price?
- Would you like to give a donation towards the printing of one (or several) of these books?
- Do you have a friend whom you could approach and inspire with the idea to sponsor some of these books?

If there is anything that you feel you can do to help with this printing or would like to know more details about it, please send us a note through your reporting office, or via e-mail to: spalim@ibm.net

Here is a list of the books that are print-ready. We need about 1,000 copies of each one.

- DB 10 (1,024 pages)
- DB 11 (832 pages)
- Junior DB 1 (416 pages)
- The MLK book, vol.1 (400 pages). This book is CM/FM, but about half of the individual MLKs are DFO, so a DFO version could be printed instead.
- 7000 Years of World History (96 pages, DFO)
- Raise ‘em Right (DFO). We have two more parts of this book (64 pages) ready to print.

We’ll be praying real hard and looking forward to hearing from you! WE LOVE YOU!

Indian Clearance Desk

With the “Era of Action” dawning and the implementation of S2K picking up pace, we asked the Lord for anything He may have to say in regards to clearances to the field of India, and any counsel He might have to offer in light of all the new moves the Family is making towards greater discipleship and dedication. This is even more important when joining a field such as India, which as exciting and fruitful as it is, also requires a keen spiritual channel and closeness with the Lord to avoid stepping on many a “land mine,” or simply to be the biggest blessing you can be on a rather difficult field.

As in everything we do, we’re learning to re-assess and re-evaluate each and every move by asking the Lord, which we did here too. And why are we telling you about this? Well, if you’re considering India as a prospective field you, too, will be interested in hearing the advice the Lord gave. To make pages into paragraphs we thought we could share it in point form.

Required information or items needed in requesting clearance for India:

- Return ticket: Due to legal and or visa complications, a return ticket is quite vital for those going to India. In time, you might feel you don’t fit in or have a different vision, or will for some other reason feel a call to move on. In each of these scenarios, it would be very important for you to have a return ticket.

- CM or FM: With the S2K many have changed their status, so we would like to request that you please specify on your clearance form whether you are CM or FM.

- Evaluation from shepherds: Although this hasn’t been a requirement, we would like to request this as much as possible. It helps us get to know you a bit and enabling us to prayerfully consider your request.

- Clearance in Process: Last but not least, in some cases we may need more time to pray about your specific situation, or may have questions and depending on how long it takes for you to reply to these questions, your clearance may be delayed. Of course, we will try our best to continue to be able to grant or deny your clearance within the 30-day period as specified on the clearance request form. However, if we are in communication and have acknowledged receipt of your request and are only awaiting a reply to a question we have posed, then your clearance will be granted as soon as we hear back from you.

We love you and really appreciate all your help with the above. We pray that this will be a blessing to not only us, but to you too. We look forward to keeping in touch.

With love,
Your Indian Clearance Desk

backtracking

The Europe Activated Desk informed us of a correction to the subscription amount published in GN 884 ("End of a Millennium!"). Due to a software bug, the amount reported was significantly lower than what they came up with when they did a manual calculation. The correct statistics are:

Paid subscriptions: 232 (previously 145)
Subscriptions to the first three free magazines: 492 (previously 73)
BROTHERHOOD

Trip to Turkey
BY JOAN (CRO)

I made my first visit to Turkey recently. The trip was short, but fruitful. I spent time with the two Homes in Istanbul and talked with various ones.

The work in Turkey, although small, is making progress. There were some problems with unity before but they've really worked on it and the Lord has helped them to be more unified. Since then the work has been progressing, and they've made a lot of headway of late.

It was impressive to see how many people spoke Turkish, and the burden that they have for the field. Though it’s been tight in some ways, since they can't get out the tools that easily because they have been thrown in jail and deported a couple of times, the Lord has been showing them new and different ways to do it.

ARGENTINA NOW OPEN FOR WITNESSING!
FROM SACRO, MARCH 2000
Dear Family,
We have exciting news for you! Argentina is now officially open for witnessing! Many of you may want to go on faith trips visiting different towns and cities in Argentina, which we’re sure will be extremely fun and fruitful. Argentina is well known for its beautiful beaches, ski resorts and other sites, which attract thousands of tourists all year round. Being the second largest country in South America, with a population of 36.7 million, there are countless places to visit with thousands of people waiting to hear the Gospel.

Most of the witnessing done there will most likely be via faith trips, SWIFTs and other such witnessing excursions, rather than by having new Homes open. We feel this is the way the Lord will lead many of you who have the burden to reach Argentina and we know that as you see Him, He will not fail to lead and guide you.

Please be sure to be careful and prayerful as you go about your outreach, as Argentina is still a sensitive country. It is, however, a very fruitful country with many people to reach and souls to be won. (Note: Because Argentina will officially remain a sensitive country, those of you who want to go there will need to send in your application to the Continental Office. Buenos Aires and Rosario will remain closed to witnessing.)

We love you and will be waiting to receive your applications as well as hear the wonderful testimonies that will result from your witnessing there.

Lots of love,
Your SACRO Office Team

[See the MO site for the full notice, originally sent to all CM Homes in South America.]

kidbits

Christina Lillian, born to Joy and Sam on March 4.—United Kingdom
Veronica, born to Jana and Oleg.—Ukraine
María Luiza, born to Sara and Jeremias on February 20.—Brazil
Davi, born to Adrián and Joao on March 2.—Brazil
María Laura, born to Joana and Francisco on March 8.—Colombia
Andre, born to Tamara and Andre on March 16.—Brazil
Felipe, born to Cristal and Daniel on March 16. Brazil
Caylin Ian, born to Melody and Ian on March 19.—Brazil
Micaela, born to Sharon and Miguel on March 19.—Brazil

babynamia
By Jaz

The Angel of the Gutter

I guess I’d always thought kids didn’t get into the gross-out stage till they were five or six. I don’t know why I thought that, I just did. Boy, was I wrong! Kimby hit that stage with some fanfare a few months into her third year, and what a time it was. I’m sure she must have tapped every creative gland in her oh-so-inventive little mind to come up with some of her delightful concoctions.

When we began to be treated to such musical renditions as “We wish you a yucky Christmas, and a yucky New Year,” and “Away in a mud patch, no crib for a bed…”—well, let’s just say I knew that something was not quite right with our little “angel.”

Whatever my first urges might have been, I dutifully put on my best poker-face whenever greeted with such gutter-outbursts (always sung with a cheerful smile and angelic countenance). And I might add that I administered a swift kick under the table to anyone who didn’t follow my lead, and dared to laugh at our offending member. To the child I would simply utter my standard response: “Kimby, we don’t do grossies.”

“Grossies,” clearly, was a very liberally applied word. We had talked before about speaking pleasant words and happy thoughts, but I always like to have one nice little label that can be unilaterally tacked on the offending produce. So grossies it was. And it worked … well, most of the time.

I remember several occasions when we were driving in the car and Kimby was singing about “the potty on the bus” (or worse). As soon as the grossie reprimand was issued, Kimby would change her tune in mid-verse. Then the narrative ran: “The clean potty on the bus goes clean clean clean, clean clean clean … all through the town.” Sigh. I guess the little gutter-queen has found a loophole again. There’s no way I could stick a grossie label on that. And so she sings on.

Thankfully this was a stage that did not stick—and at least I could be glad that whatever toilet-humor it was … if nothing else, it was age-appropriate.

tidbits

new laborers (CM/FM)
Freddy (20, Colombian), and Giovanna (20, Colombian), with their daughter Nicole, joined in Colombia.—March
Luciano (21, Brazilian), joined in Brazil.—March
Samuel (43, Brazilian) and Lidia (31, Brazilian), with two children, joined in Brazil.—March

getting together …

This month two members of our Home—Andy and Suzie—got married! Before we held a wedding ceremony (as Suzie’s parents were very anxious to make sure that their daughter would not become an unwed mother), the Lord told us that it would be a witness to many.—Not a witness of words, but of a beautiful sample. He sure did it as everybody commented that they had not seen such light, love and happiness emanating from any other couple before! We took lots of pictures and all of our friends now comment that even the pictures carry a measure of light and love. PTL! It wasn’t exceptionally fancy; we only had two days to prepare everything.

—Susie, Esther, Lily and Home, Russia

May 1
Brazil Activated desk

Realizing that one of the main challenges is inspiring the Homes to get on board with the Activated vision, the Lord showed us to host the City Council in our office. Representatives from almost all the Homes in the Sao Paulo area came. We gave them a tour of the office, showed them our day-to-day work, the mags, everything! We shared some stats and most important of all, we heard from the Lord together. He spoke about the need for us all to work in unity for the reaping of the Great Harvest that is promised. After that, one Home that has had a steady follow-up and live outs’ work for years but hadn’t yet started to send in names for the Activated program sent us, in just one batch, more than 100 names!

Mexico Activated desk

We held a meeting last month with the Homes in Monterey to discuss how to promote Activated. As a result of the push, this month alone the local Homes brought in almost 40 paid subscriptions, and they are turned on to the program. We are planning a follow-up meeting to see what was learned and if the Homes have any further questions and suggestions.

Activated stuff

Tips from the Activated shiner
Home
The Rose Garden Home, India

We’ve been signing up Activated subscriptions for six months now, and we’ve crossed the 50 full subscription mark. We’ve seen what a positive effect being on the attack with Activated has had, not only on the sheep, but on us. As we see the people who are Activated get turned on to the Word and want more Word, it has helped us witnesses to get more stirred up and desperate to feed the sheep. It has made our outreach department more “feeding” oriented. We have been convicted to see how hungry people are and how thankful they are for Activated material, and we’re sorry we were giving out the Words so sparingly before.

Reading the monthly magazine whets their appetite for more Word from us. One long time (non-Christian) pledger who has known us for four years and has faithfully given but never grown very much spiritually signed up for Activated two months ago. Yesterday when we saw him and read the GP Daily Might to him, he insisted on having a copy for himself.

We have found that whether people sign up for Activated or not has a lot to do with our faith for them to sign up. They are spiritual babes and look to us for what they need. When they see our enthusiasm and belief that this magazine will be informative and helpful for them they want to subscribe. They trust our judgment.

When we present the magazine to them we don’t mention the three free issues opportunity, as we have found that people are willing to pay the full subscription when we suggest it. Otherwise they may just get busy or forget to send it in later if we leave it up to them. We do give a little extra push to just give us the funds immediately. The months go by so fast and before we know it half a year is gone and many precious sheep haven’t been re-visited, but we are so encouraged to know that Activated is there for them.

Each month we set Activated subscription goals. Sometimes we set our goals as a Home and sometimes we set personal goals.

Hitting the schools
John and Kalyani, India

Each school could order at least 1 set of the whole Activated series books for their library. Generally, the financial year closes by the end of March, and in the new financial year starting in April, they allocate a budget to invest in library books. Now is the right time to get as many orders from the schools and institutes, so they could pay you and get the tools within the next few months.

Daniel and Sara,
Northeast India

The quality of the Activated books is terrific! One school here that we do a lot of follow up with has already taken a full set of the books and likes them very much. The fact that they are printed abroad is a help, as people are ready to pay more for foreign stuff. The schools in the hills will be opening in a week or so and then we will go, go, go!

Getting people hooked

Phil, Marie and Mercy, USA

This month, we sent in 7 new names to the Activated mailing list. As we go door-to-door, we come in contact with many different kinds of people who really like the Activated program and who want to try it out for themselves. When people respond to the magazine offer like this, it’s so easy to get them to sign up and hopefully become subscribers in the near future, too!

Get the principals to help

Daniel and Sarah, India

The principal of a school has been giving out Activated magazines for us to her students who are willing to pay for them. She’s gotten out 17 so far to her staff and students! She is so excited and has a vision to spread the message!

Follow-up bears subscriptions

Tim, Mary, Sunny and Melissa, India

We followed up on some of the names you sent us from our 3 free issues list. Sunny and Heidi took a short road trip for this purpose. Two people gave them their subscriptions on the spot and others said they would for sure think about it, and hopefully will send theirs in!

Calendars flying

Dan (of Abi), India

One friend that we gave a calendar to as a gift liked it so much she bought 100! She will give them as gifts to her friends and business associates.

Activated Mail reactions

Dear Activated, This is in response to your second issue (Connections). I have a note for Jesus.

“To my Heavenly Daddy, thank You so, so much for this gift of life. Thank You so much for the good things in my life. I am forever grateful and thankful to You, Lord Jesus. It is from You that I gather strength, power, beauty, wisdom and courage. You make me strong, confident and courageous. Lord Jesus, You are my Daddy who gives me all that I need, in fact more than I require. You are so generous, forever forgiving and so full of abundance. I thank You each second for everything. Please bless, hold and save all of us. Thank You, Jesus. I love You and truly trust You. You are my only refuge.

Tons of love, S.S., India

Thank you, Keith Philips, for keeping me Activated! (Note: This reader is now on issue #7.)

Dear Activated, After coming to work today very depressed, I picked up your book which I received some time ago and read the message, “Streams That Never Run Dry.” This blessed me and gave me hope about the situation I am currently going through. Thanks.

God’s richest blessings,

C. Williams
Always (GP)

1. FINDING YOU (4:10)
   Lyrics and Music: Michael Fogarty
   Lead vocals: Jeff, Chris

2. MOMENTS (5:03)
   Lyrics: Michael F., Naaman
   Music: Bobby Solo
   Lead vocals: Chris, Angelique

3. EVER SO SOFTLY (4:30)
   Music: Angelo
   Lyrics: Angelo, Jerry Paladino
   Additional Lyrics and melody: Michael F.
   Lead vocal: Francesco

4. BLUNDERS OF THE MIND (3:26)
   Lyrics and Music: Peter Pioneer
   Lead vocal: Angelique

5. ONE MORE TIME (4:50)
   Lyrics and Music: Michael F.
   Lead vocal: Chris

6. WE SHALL MEET AGAIN (5:34)
   Lyrics and Music: Michael F.
   Lead vocal: Francesco

7. ALWAYS (4:42)
   Lyrics and Music: Michael F.
   Lead vocal: Jeff

8. LOVE IS A MIRACLE (4:45)
   Original Japanese Lyrics: Kenny
   English translation: Jay, Philip
   Music: Philip
   Lead and Backup vocals: Francesco, Angelique, Jeff, Chris

9. GOD KNOWS (3:39)
   Lyrics and Music: Jerry P.
   Lead vocal: Jeff

10. SUNLIGHT (4:22)
    Lyrics and Music: Rod Haltom
    Bridge Lyrics and Music: John L.
    Lead vocal: Angelique

11. TOUCH OF LOVE (4:06)
    Lyrics and Music: Michael F.
    Lead vocal: Chris, Angelique

12. THE BELLS (5:56)
    Lyrics and Music: Michael F.
    Lead vocal: Francesco

[For full musical/production credits, see the MO site.]
happenings

[Tea Trade Association]
Michael, Maria and Sylvia, Kenya: We had met the Tea Trade Association a couple years ago, and they offered to support our projects. Last year we sent them a write up on our work and they helped with $657. This year they asked us to send our proposal for this year and they gave $2,700—four times! PTL!

[Mysterious phone call]
Joanna (of Johannes), Belgium: "You called this afternoon, didn't you? The bread is already prepared and waiting for you," Ron said with a welcome smile, very happy to see us again!

"No, it wasn't us. We had wanted to call you, but after we left we realized that we hadn't brought your business card, so we couldn't call."

We had met Ron a month ago on outreach, when he gave us a big box of fresh brown bread. "I wish there were more people like you. Come back any time," he had said.

Christmastime was so busy and we couldn't fit him in the schedule, so we kept in touch by mail since we felt that he was very sheezy. Now we had made the two-hour drive to see him, and we didn't know if he would be there or available to see us, as we hadn't been able to call beforehand. However, he told us that in the afternoon someone English speaking had called and asked for him. But by the time the employee passed him the phone, it was disconnected.

"You are the only English speakers I know. I thought you would come, so I prepared the bread for you," he told us, bread in hand.

Who was this mysterious caller? We could only guess and marvel together at God's unfailing love and care for us. Isn't He wonderful?!

[No time for to-do lists?]
Peace, Madagascar: With a new baby and seven children to school I wasn't getting anything else done. That's fine by me, but there are a lot of things I feel should get done even if I'm not the one to do it.

I made a "to do" list and put it on my wall. During the five minutes it takes to rock the baby to sleep each time, I would pray over that list. Amazingly I discovered it started getting done! My nine-year-old daughter came up out of the blue saying she wanted to do the first thing on the list (not knowing about the list). Then I found out the other Home was doing two of the specific FU ministries I'd been praying would get done. Then a sheep volunteered to do another job I'd never found time for, and so it goes on!

[Japanese language course]
Alf, Claire and Free, Japan: We started a home-made Japanese language course for our JETTs, teens and adults. The Lord told us to call it the Princes and Princesses (P&P) course. According to the Word, our kids are supposed to grow up to be princes and princesses of the Kingdom. In light of the desperately needed language push we came to the realization that we can't afford to waste one more day. We made a goal that we want to achieve in a year's time and started last month. So far the kids are learning a lot from it.

We use 1) Japanese Bible for reading skills, 2) The Asahi Newspaper for elementary school kids for Kanji and Sentence building, 3) Microsoft Word for writing and typing in Japanese; 4) Home-made audio tapes for listening. We borrowed a series of tapes made by NHK called "Let's Speak Right." You can learn a lot by listening to those tapes as they cover a wide range of topics on how to speak Japanese properly. They were made for kids who come back to Japan from English speaking countries. If you're interested, please contact us via the ABM.

[Red Cross volunteers]
Sonnet (of Caleb), USA: Caleb and I have been part of an American Red Cross Disaster Aid Team for the past year, along with many other Houston Home members. Last week, while visiting in Houston for dental work, a call came in for volunteers to help with a memorial service to be held in honor of two firefighters who had perished in a blaze days before. It was a big event with wide media coverage attended by thousands of firefighters from around the city, state and country. Various dignitaries were also expected, including former President George Bush. We were asked to help set up the stage and seating at the university stadium that evening, as well as to be on hand at six A.M. the next morning to serve coffee and refreshments for the firefighters who were assembling for a full-dress procession to the service. About 12 Family members were able to lend a hand.

We arrived the first night, a few at a time, to help with the initial set-up. As each Family member would arrive, the local Disaster Services director would make a big deal about introducing her "missionary" volunteers. She would enthusiastically comment on the wonderful work we've done in many countries, how many languages we speak, that we live by faith, etc. This provided a great opportunity for us to witness and minister to many that evening.

Our disaster team captain, a golf pro and corporate manager of a golf establishment, seemed to hang on to every word and during the course of the evening Caleb was able to lead him to the Lord. We spoke to a firefighter whose parents had been missionaries. Our testimony really made an impression on him and he begged us to keep in touch with him as we told him of our plans to go to Burma.

To top off the evening, we were able to give a sample of how the Lord takes care of us. We had all been there since 5:30 P.M. and no one had eaten. There were 50 to 60 firefighters and volunteers combined. There were problems with organization and by 9:30 P.M. the set-up was not complete and folks were quite hungry. David (of Claire) and I felt burdened to try and get some food for everyone so we mentioned to the director that we were going to head out and see if they could get someone to donate. She said "Great! Take the Red Cross van!" They returned about an hour later with armloads of burgers, fries and pizzas donated by local fast food establishments. Everyone was flipped out and it was such a good example of God's care!

[Valentine's gift]
Deborah, Guatemala: We served up God's love along with food to thousands of poor people on Valentine's Day. The media came to interview us, and we came up on the front page of the newspaper, and on three TV programs. We prayed with them all to receive Jesus too.
Salut! I'm Gelu (23, Romanian) and am eager to go as soon as possible to Nigeria where a Home is waiting for me. I need at least $1,500 but the Lord already supplied half of the funds that I need! He also supplied for my good friend and partner Faithy (Romanian), and she's there waiting for me (besides working on the great projects that she and the Home are involved in). You probably know that in my country it is very difficult to raise funds and complicated to get to the West to fundraise. I am trying all doors to get to the field and that's why I want to ask you, my dear Family, to help me with whatever you can towards this. Even small amounts of money can bring me small steps closer to Nigeria. Also a good and inspiring word from you can help me keep going on. E-mail me at: sstranslation@ codec.ro or send your donations via the TRF to RO 005.

We are a small team of one adult couple, one SGA and three kiddies doing our best to reach the precious people of China. We’ve been here for two years. The Lord has shown us He wants us to study the language for a term to better be able to witness. Can you help? Your contributions will go a long ways and will make you a part of the China work. You can reach us at CN-619 “Gateway Home” via China Desk (PACRO). We love you and thank the Lord for each of you!

Who would like to support or adopt a fiery young people’s Home in Croatia? We have some young couples with seven children (all under age 6) between us, and a few singles. We are living in Northern Croatia and are doing all we can to get out the message. We do a lot of CTPs and shows and would be glad to send you our newsletter with lots of photos.

However, we’re not doing too hot financially, and that is where we need YOU! Our rent each month is $450; utilities about $250, and we are trying to get a car as we don’t have one yet! We also have a JETT that needs to finish her school and needs about $200 for CLE. Any donations—small or great—will be received with thankfulness and you will be helping us to win more of Croatia for the Lord.

Thank you! We love you! Love, the C.H.A.R.M. Home, Croatia

I’m Paulina (SGA), currently single and living in Mexico. Two years ago I had to undergo surgery because the doctors found a tumor and told me I had breast cancer. I was living in Guadalajara at the time and thankfully Juan and Ruth took me in and helped me out till I recuperated. After that I prayed and asked the Lord to show me what place would be best for me and my kids, and He showed me to go to Tijuana. I have been here for about a month, looking for a house and trying to get settled in, but I would like to ask you a big favor.

Since I can’t do a lot of witnessing because of my health and I don’t have a lot of financial support, I would like to know if anybody in our sweet caring Family would like to help me with at least 20 dollars a month or whatever the Lord places in your heart to give. I would really appreciate it! If you would like to contact me, e-mail: jessica@tij.cetys.mx

If you would like to help with a donation towards our trips to Kosovo, please designate them on your TRF to Oasis Home (B1002). If you’d like to write us, our e-mail is: anna.wormus1@du.tel.hr

[40 foot container]
Daniel, USA: We were able to send a 40-foot container of medical supplies to Honduras. We’re working with the International Hospital for Children and getting paid for it.

[Our foreign members]
Susie, Esther and Lily, Russia: A word of appreciation to the foreign members of our Home!—All three of them are making a special effort to learn and speak Russian. It’s amazing how this little detail helps in our follow-up and witnessing. When we go to orphanages both kids and teachers are thrilled to hear our Spanish, Japanese and American members speak the little Russian they know. Our sheep also say that these are the first foreigners they have met who are really trying to speak the language. The same old principle of “becoming one” and learning the language is as true now as it was before. This is very important on such a sensitive field as Russia.

[Our “61” testimony]
Mary, Kenya: A friend of ours, who has frequently asked us to hear from the Lord for her on different issues, called us one night to ask us to ask the Lord about a number for a lottery (which number slot machine would have 3.5 million Kenyan shillings—48,000 $US equivalent—in it): any number between 58 and 64! Hummm! “So Lord, You can do anything to show Your power!” Right?

We asked the Lord and the majority got 61 and the others, when averaged out came to 61 as well! When she called back that’s what we told her. Later when we saw her, she was quite amazed. She hadn’t gone out that evening after all, as she had prayed and the Lord had shown her to spend the evening at home with her husband, but she went there the next day and, out of curiosity, asked which machine had had the 3.5 million (someone had won it that evening). What do you think?—61! Her close friend was with her that night when she called us and had heard what we got, so it was a testimony to her as well. Talk about Endtime Prophecy Power!
Pioneering Kosovo

By Timothy, Praise, David, Esther and Erika, Kosovo

We were part of a team that came up from Tirana, Albania at the end of August. The Tirana Home provisioned 25,000 Albanian “Peace in the Midst of Storm” tracts to distribute. We loaded our two small cars down with our team, puppet show, and lit and we were on our way.

We traveled on rural dirt roads through heavenly countryside settings that normally would have been a delight to view, but were now a heart-breaking sight—house after house gutted by fire from Serb paramilitary attacks. We met so many precious souls. Often the homes had been burned with the elderly still inside—those who hadn’t been able to make the long arduous trip to Albania or Macedonia for refuge.

Such was the case with Alijah’s mother. He had to leave her behind in order to take his nine month pregnant wife and two small girls to a refugee camp in Albania. It was too much for the mother to come also. Her body was found in their burned out house.

Alijah’s family were refugees we’d met while still in Albania. We had hoped to find him at his home, but they had moved to the city, their house too damaged to repair, and their hearts too broken from the loss of the grandmother.

Gjakova is the area where there was the most loss of life and persons taken to prison in Serbia during the war. There was heavy fighting between the KLA and the Serb police in the city and the region around it. Much of the old city was burned by the Serb police and paramilitary. The city has now become one of Kosovo’s most heavily populated NGO towns. We knew we’d be meeting worthy Christians who’ve also come to Kosovo to help rebuild physically and spiritually.

Praise (Margrit) is a registered nurse who goes with a mobile clinic three times a week to give health care in villages in southern Kosovo. The mobile clinic van carries medical supplies, but also there’s always a lot of the Lord’s medicine packed too: “Peace in the Midst of Storm,” “To You With Love” tracts, Bibles for children and adults, and other lit with the message of the Lord’s love. Praise makes sure that everyone who comes for treatment gets a collection of the Lord’s healing words as well.

Tracy is an American missionary...
Healing Hearts Goes to Kosovo Again

By Miracle, for the Oasis Team in Bosnia

We have now gone twice to Kosovo from our Home in Bosnia. It didn’t take us long to find out the very special reason why the Lord led us to return to Kosovo this time. After being there for only a few days, UNICEF invited us to take part in their celebration of the 10th anniversary of the “Convention for the Rights of the Child.”

Our team consisted of the following people: Three on-farm Albanian disciples, Peter, Eman, and Emmi. Albanian Michael, Ready (of Dulci), Larissa (23), Jonathon (20) and Simon (17), plus Sharon (16), Charity (27) visiting from Thailand, and John B. visiting from Sweden. It has been a great team to work with!

The entire program lasted for six hours, and we were the main performers throughout the show, as UNICEF asked us to do short skits and clown routines to keep the crowd’s attention whenever they were changing the stage. We also did face painting and balloons in the foyer of the auditorium. This occasion was filmed by the Kosovo TV (RTK).

Just to prove that “where God guides, He provides,” the free flat where we have been staying all month has been offered to us till the end of the year! It is owned by a lady who had to flee and now stays in Belgrade. She is thankful that she has “good people” occupying her apartment.

Before the UNICEF convention, we spent one week doing shows in different schools and kindergartens for “Save the Children” in their safe havens in the eastern part of Kosovo which was most severely damaged and where the children are very deprived. We had so much fun together, it was difficult to say “goodbye” when the week was finished! They asked us to come again for Christmas, and gave us a sweet thank-you letter which says, “…our education team has benefited from working with Healing Hearts organization, which demonstrated a good standard of professionalism, and the capacity to connect with the children. Without any hesitation we recommend this group for children and youth activities.”

Just before leaving we met the president of Finland, Matti Ahtisaari. After his brief press conference, Miracle was able to say a few words of encouragement to him (in Finnish) and give him an envelope explaining our work with the children of Kosovo.

We’ll close with a few more out-facts about life in Kosovo. Candlelight dinners are a regular way of life, and we have learned to cook our main meal whenever the power comes on. Since it now gets dark around 5 p.m., when the power is off we have quiet evenings and early bedtime. The phones still don’t work, and e-mail continues to be difficult and expensive at the internet café. There are no traffic police in Kosovo, so one of the biggest dangers here is just trying to cross the street.

We are now getting the weekly briefing about everything that is happening in Kosovo, and this week we will begin attending regular NGO meetings. The director of the Red Cross is a Finnish man whom we know from Slovenia and Sarajevo. When we visited him here, he was very interested in us taking part in their trauma counseling. There is so much to do here, so please keep us in your prayers!

Dear Mama,

Re: Selling our GP books

Dear Mama and Peter,

In the new “End of the Millennium” GN, you list all our new GP books and tools and then give a preview of the ones in the works, and wind up by saying: “Most of these books are not just follow-up tools for those you’re already ministering to; they’re also designed as outreach tools that you can sell by the thousands and get the message out while raising support for your Home. If you haven’t tried them already, please do!”

Reading that, I was reminded of how effective our books can be as outreach tools—they were one of our hottest selling items on the streets back in Spain in 1974 and 1975, when all we had was a Spanish version of the “Revolution for Jesus” handbook and Grandmother’s “Streams” and “Hems” book.

You wouldn’t think that books of that sort would go very well, especially in Franco-era Spain, where there were still lots of police, both secret police and regular ones, as well as the paramilitary “Guardia Civil” with their sub-machineguns. So we were a little hesitant at first, and only printed up about 5,000 copies of each book in paperback form. It took a while for them to catch on, but in time we found they went very well, and besides being very feeding for those who got them, they were also profitable for us.

I don’t know if it was the secret police who kept buying “Revolution for Jesus” when they saw the title (hal), but it turned out to be popular. As did Grandmother’s devotional book, and those who went into missions with them were very pleased to have something to offer all generations. In the end, I think we printed between 25,000 and 30,000 copies of these two books and got them out all over Spain! (And if people didn’t want a book or couldn’t afford one, they’d often get a MO Letter instead.)

With the dozens of books we have today, all high-quality material designed especially for the GP! I think we could get out thousands upon thousands of such books on street corners around the world, or going house to house, shop to shop, factory to factory, or whatever—even airports, where we can get permission.

So I think our new books will make terrific outreach tools. We’ve got children’s material for kids, parenting material for parents, devotional books for Christians, sci-fi books for sci-fi fans, and Activated books and mags for everyone! They’re all well done and beautifully illustrated, and once people try them out, I think they’ll be a big hit.

—JGA MAN
The End of the Affair

*(Jesus speaking:) This is a sad story of where jealousy can lead.—This poor man didn’t have to be so miserable; he could have enjoyed his love so much more to the full. There are some good lessons in this movie, lessons on love, communication, misunderstanding, sharing and trust, lessons on faith. There are also lessons on what not to do—on how not to be.

Those who view this film should be praying up beforehand, asking me to help them see these matters of the heart as I see them. They should ask me to help them weigh against my word the reactions and opinions of the man portrayed in the film, and to get my mind on these matters. Some lessons will be more than obvious, for my children are far more learned in these matters of love and jealousy than those in the world. Yet I am able to bring out personal lessons to each of my children who view this film if they will come to me.

This movie will not be to everyone’s liking. It will affect different people in different ways, depending on their mood, how sensitive they are to these love emotions, to jealousy and so on. While it will be considered by some to be an interesting character study, with interesting lessons, for others it won’t even be considered entertainment simply because of the subject matter. It’s bittersweet message and melancholy tone will not appeal to all.

A movie of this sort does have some redeeming qualities: there are lessons to be drawn, it’s a sobering look at life and where jealousy and hate can lead. There’s also a message of faith and trust in me. It has a witness. It’s a true portrayal of what some people have to endure when they refuse to turn completely to me. It’s yet another reminder to pray for the poor people of the world who are trapped in their emotions, and who do not turn to me for answers. (End of message from jesus.)

Appointment With Death

*(Dad speaking:) This movie is an interesting character study—the type I liked to watch when I was on earth. It’s a bit old fashioned, maybe, but it’s got good acting and well-developed characters, and it’ll keep you thinking and guessing till the end. It’s nice to have some movies every now and then that make you think, that provoke your brain cells to do a little relaying between themselves. For a relaxing evening, for those who enjoy this sort of murder mystery, I think there would definitely be no harm in watching it, and many will find it enjoyable. (End of message from Dad.)

Down in the Delta

*(Dad speaking:) What a touching and uplifting story. It’s sad in a way that they don’t bring it out more clearly, but this is an example of Christian love and faith and how it can change lives. Poor people out in the world, there are so many that are so messed up, so lonely, with no vision, no goal, no hope, no faith. Movies like this both break your heart for people that suffer, and also give hope and faith, showing how far a little bit of love can go. (End of message from Dad.)

The Buttercream Gang

*(Jesus speaking:) There are a number of good lessons on loving the unloved and not giving up on people in this movie. In real life, you may not always see the fruits as clearly as this movie portrays, but the principles are good and right. (End of message from Jesus.)

Visual Bible: The Book of Acts

*(Jesus speaking:) It’s good. It’s pure. Anything that visualizes the word helps bring it more alive... more “down to earth.” That was the principle behind The Bible in Pictures, to bring it down to earth, for people to see that it really happened! I would definitely recommend it! (End of message from Jesus.)
Word time, to make sure they have praise time, and also to get three prophecies per day each. It’s very inspiring to see them take these steps themselves and follow the New Wine. It’s convicting for me as their mother!

One of the girl’s guardian angels told her that even her mother was thinking of doing the same as them—and I hadn’t even told them about my plans! Ha. We had a little chuckle and it was also a confirmation that what they had been receiving was from the spirit world!

[Gert skinny trip]

SGA, Holland: God bless that dear teen girl who wrote about the “get skinny trip”! (See Zine 040, “My fight against eating disorders.”) Although I haven’t myself witnessed such extremes, I have been in the situations where most girls in the Home were on this grown-up-people-need-almost-no-proteins-in-their-diet trip and they would even try to preach it to the boys to get them converted. (Fortunately enough, our male half of that Home was into eating well, so the campaign had no success with them, ha!)

It seems that this “skinny is the best” mentality is very accepted and I’ve seen some girls who tried to diet even while they were pregnant. They were so proud that “all they gained was the baby weight,” but then when it came to having that baby it was very rough on their bodies, because although the baby did get what he/she needed (since he’s the first to get your food when you are pregnant), their bodies were underfed and they had a slow recovery afterwards.

We girls fall prey to the “skinny trip” faster than guys do, but some of the comments we hear from guys help to nudge us in that direction. Recently a road trip team passed through our Home and two of the girls on that team looked very skinny. My sister and I asked if they had enough food to eat, becausu they looked a bit weak too. Then the boys on their team heard us, they almost got upset: “Those girls have perfect bodies! They are thin and beautiful!”

Well, I wouldn’t say we love being fat either; it’s just that when you get so thin, you start looking sickly. We weren’t sure if those girls were that thin naturally or if they were trying to keep themselves that way, but the bottom line was that the guys were raving about those two, and the rest of the girls who came with them listened and drew their conclusions. None of the other girls were fat, but they were all trying to lose a few pounds to look thinner, like the “perfect girls.”

Of course we girls should have our own head on our shoulders and listen to the Lord first of all. We realize that to Him we are perfect, but it’s harder to accept your own flesh the way you see it when you feel that the expectations of the guys (who unlike the Lord are still in the flesh and still look on the outward appearance) are so sky high.

At one point the guys in our area were obsessed with this “skinny with big breasts” look, and it just so happened that the majority of us girls who were around were more on the flat side, although I wouldn’t say any were ugly or even plain. To the contrary, those girls were sweet, loving and most were quite pretty, but because we didn’t live up to “bubbles in the front” picture, we weren’t “it.” If you notice who gets the most attention and dances at parties, after a while it does get you discouraged about yourself. A few of us even started feeling like, “God didn’t make a mistake until He created me this way!” and thought about finding a clinic where we could secretly get that “mistake” corrected—get those silicon breasts.

Now it sounds foolish and even sickening, especially after we heard all the side effects of too much dieting and artificial “beauties.” But the point is that when you hear something said often enough you can’t shake it off. It affects you. By the same token, when at one point we girls got into “six pack front” pictures of guys, guess what happened? Right!—All the guys in our area decided that it was time to do some weight lifting, since that’s what the girls wanted to see!

One thing that would help is to watch what we say, so that we don’t give the dear people around us this “I’ll only like you this way” high standard. It all comes down to being loving and appreciating each one the way God made them.

To add a balance to what I’ve said, I must mention that I have been in Homes where the guys were very sweet to every one of us girls no matter how tall, short, fat or slim we were. Result?—Feeling that you are loved, appreciated and most sweet little things you do are noticed did wonders to keep us all in shape physically and spiritually. When you feel that someone loves you (even if it’s not so personal and intimate), it makes you go to great lengths to be all you can be and be sweet, helpful and yes, to take care of your looks as well—but since you already feel accepted, you don’t have this “starve or be lonely” pressure.

[OCs and JETTs on board]

Jerry, Vicky and Gabe, PACRO: Our two girls, one an OC and the other a JETT, have set themselves goals to have more

More tips and counsel for teaching reading! Advice on handling a biting toddler! Urinary tract infections in infants, exposed! And for the icing on the cake, a slew of outing and activity ideas to keep you gaming from now till Heaven. Don’t miss Kidland #8! May 1
moving missionaries
BY MARY (OF JONATHAN), NOW IN TANZANIA

When the Lord gave us long-term visas a year ago in Ukraine we were feeling pretty settled. But the Lord spoke in prophecy that it would be our last year there and that He was preparing a new place for us. Dying with curiosity, we discussed and prayed about different fields until the Lord told us to keep quiet and that He would send us an invitation. Sorry to say, we were a bit disbelieving; as with seven kids still with us we did not feel that we would be prime candidates for anyone’s pioneer team. But sure enough, a month later a sister whom we knew told us that she was going to pioneer in Africa and asked if we were interested.

During a very fruitful summer in Ukraine we attended three Christian camps for kids all over the Ukraine, getting all the kids on the MM list. (Thanks for being faithful to send mail to them, MM folks, the kids are so happy!) At these camps we ministered to the cream of the crop of the youth in Ukraine, and got 80 of them saved.

At the end of August our final exodus came, taking us through ten countries, following up on supporters, ministering to people and raising funds. With most of our luggage and all eight of us in a small camper, we traveled 10,000 km, and the Lord supplied our every need and told us which way to go and when and how to do it.

A precious couple that we had met on a visa trip got a prophecy for us and gave us a beautiful keyboard for our ministry. Another couple gave us a nice guitar. A precious family couple gave us a beautiful puppet set (thank you a thousand times, Andrew and Katrina!), and time after time we saw the Lord’s hand. Dear Gentleness and David in England took us in for three weeks while we made our final push. We are so thankful for the precious kindness of these dear Family ones, as they were such a blessing in getting us to the field.

Other miracles included the provision of furniture, kitchen supplies, washing machine, summer clothing (a big miracle in England at this time of the year), as well as the last minute supply of a container to send it in. Thank you so much, dear Family, who gave till you hurt to supply our needs.

Exactly three months from the day that we left Ukraine we set off on our wonderful overnight flight to our new land of dreams and sheep. What a victory it is when you do it the Lord’s way!
email: <forgetmenot_man@hotmail.com>

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VIDEO SHINERS FOR MARCH 2000

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| Ben/Weekness/Sam/Crystal, Botswana | 50 | 200 |
| Christmas, Japan | 43 | 43 |
| Gabri/Lemina/Maria Angela, Brazil | 26 | 80 |

POOR THING! YOU MUST BE STARVING!

LET’S BE FAITHFUL TO FEED THE FISH!

DOESN’T ANYBODY EVER FED THIS FISH?

I Gotta go on a diet!

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PERSONALS

I’m Danny, I’m looking for my brother named John. Last I heard he was in Venezuela. I’d also like to contact a friend of mine called Emmanuel who should be living in Colombia. E-mail: lambdakey@yahoo.com. Richard is trying to get in contact with Ace, Rennie, Analk and Gabe in India. E-mail: RichProdigy@yahoo.com.

I want to contact Polo, Vida and sons (maybe in Brazil). We worked in Colombia a long time ago. I’m Daniel (of Ester and Gideon). E-mail: thome@impstat.net.cc

Olivia (of Martin and Charity), Kerri (formerly Mercy, of Tim and Maria) would like to get in touch with you. We lived together in Greece in 1990. E-mail: tonysanantonio@hotmail.com

Angie, (of Tim and Maria) would like to get in touch with Gina (last known to be in DC). I miss hearing from you. E-mail: tonysanantonio@hotmail.com

Stephen and Clare (RU049) would really be happy to hear from Cephas Newman! We sent you lots of messages but are not sure if you received them.

Jason (of Cedar), I know there are easier ways to get in touch with you but I’ve never really been the conventional type. Hal! God bless you! Love, J. Cervantes. E-mail: fleesabird@iqcMail.com

Desperately looking for Daniel B. (a.k.a. Greggie New Life). Last sighted somewhere in the Ural Mountains. Dan, please contact me at e-mail: k-lub@usa.net.

Simon Bulgarian (a.k.a. Jason Donovan). I need you! Write Jessica (Swedish) asap at Kidzbiz@online.ru or jessicamarin@hotmail.com!

Julie is looking for Natalie (of Martin Music). Please write me! E-mail: jules@apemail.com or add: Box 33344 Kampala, Uganda.

Dove and Mark (Russia) are looking for Silas and Cheer. We’re not sure if you’re getting our messages. Please contact us through Russian ABM.

This is Sharyl (a.k.a. Rebecca, of Andrew and Priscilla). I’d like to get in touch with Joanie Marie Fighter (Serena’s daughter), married to Eman (of Boaz and Ruth). We lived together in Detroit for a while. Remember me? Add: Sharly, PO Box 55-1430, Taipei, Taiwan R.O.C.